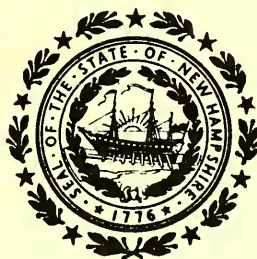


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NOTES

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday the 14th day of March, 1978, polls to be open for voting on Article 1, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and to make appropriations for same.
3. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Poor and Old Age Assistance.
4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for same.
5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$473.31 in order to secure from the State the sum of \$3155.42 to be expended for town road aid.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for repairs to the Town Hall and other town buildings.
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the Forest Fire Department.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$900.00 to the Rumney Fire Department for fire protection from March 1, 1978 to March 1, 1979.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve Fund for snow removal and road equipment.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000.00 to be used to purchase and equip a new truck for the Highway Department, and authorize the withdrawal of \$8,000.00 of said sum from the Capital Reserve Fund heretofore established for the purchase of snow removal and road equipment, with the balance of \$20,000.00 to be raised by borrowing on the credit of the Town through the issuance of a note or notes of the Town pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, RSA Chapter 33:8. (Affirmative action on this article requires a two-thirds vote.)

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25.00 to purchase flags to place at the graves of our veterans in Dorchester.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell, and convey or otherwise dispose of any real estate or mineral rights acquired by the Town by any Tax Collector's deed.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purpose of making arrangements for the use of a disposal area for garbage and rubbish, for the use of Dorchester residents.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for repairing highways and bridges during the ensuing year, and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 of said sum from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, with the remaining \$15,000.00 to be raised from taxes.

16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$32.00 as its share of the cost of publicizing and promoting the natural attractions of the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the support of the Dorchester Community Library.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the support of the Cemetery Fund.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$350.00 in order to support the work of the Mascoma Area Health Council within the Town.

20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five residents of the Town, one of whom shall be one of the Selectmen, to study the feasibility of establishing the Dorchester Triangle, so-called, as a historic district under the provisions of RSA 31:89-a, et. seg., said committee to report its findings at the next town meeting.

21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 in order to support the medical emergency service and emergency transportation provided by the Canaan F.A.S.T., Inc. within the Town.

22. To hear reports of agents, auditors or committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

23. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of February, 1978.

CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
ALFRED E. ASHLEY
Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy
ATTEST:

CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
ALFRED E. ASHLEY

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

Alfred E. Ashley, '80

Ernest J. Hanley, '79

Charles I. Walker, '78

Moderator

Alexander Lennox, Jr.

Tax Collector

Delbert Gray

Town Clerk

Nellie M. Ashley

Treasurer

Jean M. Krzyzak

Road Agent

Raymond E. Conkey

Forest Fire Warden

Richard P. Carter

Health Officer

Alfred E. Ashley

Relief Agent

Kenneth L. Hall, Jr.

Police Officer and Dog Constable

John Cote

Deputy

Ken Hall

Trustees of Trust Funds

Beverly Walker

Rita T. Butcher, '78

Supervisors of Check Lists

Nancy Cote

Marion E. Delsart, '80

Margaret Lennox, '78

Auditors

Matilda M. Ernst

Mary Carroll Abell

Cemetery Committee

Nella H. Ashley, Chairman

Library

Nella H. Ashley, '79

Robert W. Thayer, '80

John P. King, '78

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land	\$420,984.25	
Buildings	631,592.00	
Electric Poles & Fixtures	15,078.00	
House Trailers (16)	<u>36,750.00</u>	
Total Valuation		\$1,104,404.25
Property Exemption R.S.A. 72:39	-18,800.00	<u>18,800.00</u>
Net Valuation		\$1,085,604.25
Veteran's Widow Exemption from Resident Tax (2)		
Tax Rate — \$5.16		

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$ 10,000.00
Furniture	1,300.00
Library	2,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	600.00
Highway Department Equipment	20,000.00
School, Land and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department Equipment	<u>1,500.00</u>
	\$ 38,400.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978 or for the Fiscal Year from January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year 1977	Actual Expendi- tures Previous Fiscal Year 1977	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,067.50	\$ 4,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,600.00	1,371.27	1,600.00
Election & Registration Exp.	500.00	310.94	700.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	400.00	313.93	400.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	800.00	477.82	800.00
Fire Department	1,150.00	941.64	1,300.00
Insurance	1,800.00	1,536.00	1,800.00
Damages & Legal Expense	700.00	237.50	400.00
Health Department:			
Mascoma Health Council	350.00	350.00	350.00
Town Dump	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance —Summer & Winter & Repairs	15,000.00	18,988.61	20,000.00
Class V	9,007.87	9,007.87	10,498.69
Town Road Aid	476.36	476.36	473.31
Libraries:	150.00	150.00	150.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	200.00	275.40	500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	521.19	500.00
Patriotic Purposes (flags)	25.00		25.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	400.00		100.00

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee			\$ 32.00
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee	\$ 131.00	\$ 117.00	
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans	250.00	300.00	350.00
Capital Outlay:			
County Tax	4,000.00	3,339.94	3,500.00
School Tax		36,411.91	
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:			
Road Equip.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Building Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$43,640.23	\$81,394.88	\$49,679.00

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SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1977	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year 1977	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 823.92	\$ 700.00
Class V Road Money	9,007.87	9,007.87	10,498.69
Savings Bank Tax	150.00	487.45	480.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,000.00	1,132.16	1,000.00
New Highway Subsidy			3,574.56
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	5,575.01	5,575.91	5,487.21
Reimb. Forest Conservation Aid	50.00		
Reimb. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	150.00	177.24	150.00
Reimb. State Forest Land	300.00	303.80	300.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	75.00	83.00	75.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	25.00	16.00	25.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00	3,408.00	2,500.00
Resident Taxes Retained	1,000.00	1,040.00	1,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	3,000.00	6,740.11	4,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing			5,028.00
Total Revenues from all sources			
Except Property Taxes	\$24,832.88	\$28,795.46	\$34,819.15
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes			<u>14,859.85</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			<u>\$49,679.00</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer	\$10,022.25	
Total		\$10,022.25
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Cemeteries	459.05	
Town Building Fund	1,083.09	
Snow Removal & Road Equipment	7,780.94	
Total		9,323.08
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1977, Incl. Resident Taxes	30,674.80	
Levy of 1976	3,261.89	
Previous Years	36.98	
Total		33,928.67
GRAND TOTAL		\$53,674.00
Current Surplus December 31, 1976		9,210.21
Current Surplus December 31, 1977		18,479.89
Increase of Surplus		\$ 9,269.68

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't.)	\$ 120.00	
School District Tax Payable	14,947.18	
Tax Anticipation Notes Outstanding:		
Pemi. Natl. Bank Feb. 1, 1978	10,000.00	
Other Liabilities:		
Class V Road Money	3.85	
Cemetery Fund Unpaid	400.00	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		25,471.03

Total Accounts Owed by the Town (carried forward)	\$25,471.03
Capital Reserve Funds	9,323.08
Total Liabilities	\$34,794.11
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	18,879.89
GRAND TOTAL	\$53,674.00

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes — Current Year - 1977	\$24,481.76
Resident Taxes — Current Year - 1977	1,040.00
Yield Taxes — Current Year - 1977	<u>6,740.11</u>
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted	\$32,261.87
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes — Previous Years	5,973.43
Resident Taxes — Previous Years	100.00
Interest Received on Delinquent Taxes	220.23
Penalties: Resident Taxes	19.00

From State:

For Town Road Aid	1,279.70
For Class V Highway Maintenance	9,007.87
Highway Subsidy	5,575.91
Interest & Dividends Tax	823.92
Savings Bank Tax	487.45
Reimb. a-c State & Fed. forest lands	303.80
Fighting forest fires	34.64
Reimb. a-c Motor Vehicle Road Toll	138.24
Meals & Rooms Tax	1,132.16
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax	177.24

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	83.00
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	16.00
Motor vehicle permits	<u>3,408.00</u>

Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$61,042.46
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Total Current Revenue Receipts (carried forward)		\$61,042.46
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$15,000.00	
Insurance adjustments	186.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	<u>120.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		<u>15,306.00</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$76,348.46
Cash on hand January 1, 1977		<u>22,814.08</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$99,162.54

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 4,067.50
Town officers' expenses	1,371.27
Election & Registration Expenses	310.94
Expenses town hall & other town bldgs.	313.93

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	477.82
File Cabinet	549.50
Fire dept., incl. forest fires	941.64
Insurance	<u>1,536.00</u>

Health:

Health dept., incl. hospitals & ambulance	350.00
Town dumps and garbage removal	<u>1,000.00</u>

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,785.01
Town Maintenance — Summer \$8,702.11	
— Winter \$10,286.50	<u>18,988.61</u>

Libraries:

150.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	521.19
Town Poor	<u>275.40</u>

Unclassified:

Damages & legal expenses	\$ 237.50	
Advertising & Regional Associations	<u>117.00</u>	
Total Current Maintenance Expense		\$32,993.31

Debt Service:**Interest on Debt:**

Paid on tax anticipation notes	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Interest Payments		300.00

Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Principal Payments		5,000.00

Capital Outlay:

Class V	9,004.02	
Payments to capital reserve funds	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Outlay Payments		10,204.02

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Payments to State a-c 2% Bond & Debt		
Retirement Taxes	889.61	
Taxes paid to County	3,339.94	
Boat Tax	1.50	
Payments to School Districts	<u>36,411.91</u>	
Total Payments to Other Govt. Divisions		40,642.96

Total Payments for all Purposes	\$89,140.29
Cash on hand December 31, 1977	<u>10,022.25</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$99,162.54

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JEAN M. KRZYZAK
Treasurer

CHARLES I. WALKER
ERNEST J. HANLEY
ALFRED E. ASHLEY
Selectmen

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Salaries of Principal Town Officers:

Ernest J. Hanley – Selectman	\$600.00
Charles I. Walker – Selectman	600.00
Alfred E. Ashley – Selectman	500.00
Albert B. Carter – Selectman (3 months)	100.00
Delbert B. Gray – Tax Collector	799.10
Nellie M. Ashley – Town Clerk	383.40
Jean M. Krzyzak – Treasurer	200.00
Peggy M. Carter – Selectmen's Clerk	800.00
Matilda Ernst – Auditor	25.00
Mary Carroll Abell – Auditor	25.00
Kenneth C. Hall – Relief Officer	35.00

Town Officers Expenses:

Clifford-Nicol, Inc. – Town reports, selectmen's stamp	397.85
N.H. Municipal Assoc. – 1977 dues	200.00
Brown & Saltmarsh – supplies	109.54
Delbert Gray – Expenses	97.10
Bi-Rite – Calculator	79.97
Postmaster - Rumney – stamps	65.00
Peggy Carter – Office supplies	50.00
Alfred Ashley – Expenses	48.00
Ernest Hanley – Expenses	50.00
Albert Carter – Expenses	42.20
Margaret Lennox – Census	25.00
Nellie M. Ashley – Expenses	16.40
Ray & Hopkins – Recording deeds	16.11
Matilda Ernst – Expenses	13.72
Graydon & Freeman – National record book	11.00
N.H. City & Town Clerk Assoc. – Dues	10.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Assoc. – Dues	10.00
Branham Publishing Co. – Auto ref. book	11.65
Dow Manufacturing Co. – dog tags	6.60
Nella H. Ashley – Notarizing	5.00
Homestead Press – Supplies	41.27
New England Telephone – phone calls	22.06
Mountain Media – Notices	42.80

Total

\$1,371.27

Election & Registration Expenses

Brown & Saltmarsh — New Check List	\$ 30.58
Alfred E. Ashley — Supervisor	30.00
Nella H. Ashley — Notary work	3.00
Ernest Hanley — Selectman	16.50
Albert Carter — Selectman	16.50
Clifford-Nicol, Inc. — Ballots	33.85
Mountain Media — Notices	19.50
Marion E. Delsart — Supervisor	39.00
Margaret Lennox — Supervisor	43.90
Alexander Lennox — Moderator	45.90
Francis Merrill — Ballot Clerk	16.50
Arlene Carter — Ballot Clerk	16.50

Total**\$ 310.94**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

No. of Cars – 226		\$3,408.00
Filing Fees		10.00
Dogs – 33		
5 Females	\$25.00	
29 Males	58.00	83.00
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Paid Treasurer		\$3,501.00

NELLIE M. ASHLEY
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1977

—DR.—

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$54,937.56
Resident Taxes	<u>1,180.00</u>

Total Warrants	\$56,117.56
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Yield Taxes	6,837.51
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Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	110.00
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>8.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS		\$63,073.07
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—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$24,502.76
Resident Taxes	1,050.00
Yield Taxes	6,740.11
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>19.00</u>

\$32,300.87

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	30,434.80
Resident Taxes	240.00
Yield Taxes	<u>97.40</u>

30,772.20

TOTAL CREDITS		\$63,073.07
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**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1976**

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 3,261.89	
Resident Taxes	80.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>2,844.70</u>	
		\$ 6,186.59

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	40.00
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Interest Collected on Delinquent

Property Taxes	96.35
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Interest Collected on Delinquent

Yield Taxes	76.20
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes

	<u>11.00</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 6,410.14

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer During

Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 2,906.92	
Resident Taxes	90.00	
Yield Taxes	2,823.10	
Interest Collected During Year	96.35	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	11.00	
Interest Collected on Yield Taxes	<u>76.20</u>	
		\$ 6,003.57

Uncollected Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	354.97	
Resident Taxes	30.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>21.60</u>	
		<u>406.57</u>

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 6,410.14

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1975**

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1977:		
Yield Taxes	\$ 185.43	
Interest Collected on Delinquent		
Yield Taxes	<u>34.15</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 219.58

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer During		
Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1977:		
Yield Taxes	\$ 185.43	
Interest Collected During Year	<u>34.15</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 219.58

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1974**

—DR.—

Uncollected Taxes - As of Jan. 1, 1977:		
Property Taxes	\$ 36.98	
Interest Collected on Delinquent		
Property Taxes	<u>13.53</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 50.51

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer During		
Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1977:		
Property Taxes	\$ 36.98	
Int. Collected During Year	<u>13.53</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 50.51

**SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1977**

—DR.—

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:			
	1976	1975	1974	Previous Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes — Jan. 1, 1977		None	\$36.98	None
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$568.52	None	None	None
Interest Collected After Sale	11.60	None	13.53	None
Redemption Costs	<u>7.15</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$587.27	None	\$50.51	None

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer

During Year:				
Redemptions	\$213.55		\$36.98	
Interest & Costs After Sale	18.75		13.53	
Unredeemed Taxes - Dec. 31, 1977	<u>354.97</u>		<u> </u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$587.27	None	\$50.51	None

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1977, on account of the tax levy of 1977, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DELBERT B. GRAY
Tax Collector

1976 TAXES UNCOLLECTED AS OF DEC. 31, 1977

Ralph and Elaine Young	\$119.16
George and Nadine Conkey	<u>235.81</u>
	\$354.97

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts:

Cash on Hand January 1, 1977	\$22,814.08	
From Tax Collector	38,574.53	
From Town Clerk	3,501.00	
From Selectmen	<u>34,272.93</u>	
Total Receipts		\$99,162.54

Payments:

By order of Selectmen	<u>89,140.29</u>	
Cash on Hand December 31, 1977		\$10,022.25

REVENUE SHARING FUND

1976 Balance	\$ 101.52	
1977 Received	2,528.00	
1977 Interest	<u>84.43</u>	
Balance on Hand December 31, 1977		\$ 2,713.95

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN M. KRZYZAK
Treasurer

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS
December 31, 1977

CEMETERY FUNDS

Principal

Balance beginning of year	\$ 966.23	
New funds created	<u>0.00</u>	
Balance end of year		\$ 966.23

Income

Balance beginning of year	\$ 504.75	
Income during year	<u>82.27</u>	
Balance end of year		\$ 587.02

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Snow Removal Equipment

Principal

Balance beginning of year	\$6,409.24	
New funds created	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Balance end of year		\$7,409.24

Income

Balance beginning of year	\$ 470.03	
Income during year	<u>403.93</u>	
Balance end of year		\$ 873.96

TOWN BUILDING FUND

Principal

Balance beginning of year	\$ 865.54	
New funds created	<u>200.00</u>	
Balance end of year		\$1,065.54

Income

Balance beginning of year	\$ 281.83	
Income during year	60.49	
Expended during year	<u>42.94</u>	
Balance end of year		\$ 299.38

Respectfully submitted,

RITA BUTCHER
BEVERLY WALKER

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Cash Balance, January 1, 1977	\$.00
Appropriation	13,000.00
Repairs	2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$15,000.00

Expenditures – Labor

Raymond E. Conkey	\$4,206.97	
Cushman Ainslie	1,519.08	
Clarence L. Poitras, Sr.	1,223.80	
Jeffery P. Denoncour	375.70	
Albert R. Conkey, Jr.	231.00	
Roland L. Kilgore	191.00	
Wayne P. Donald	187.20	
George C. Conkey	187.90	
Gary L. Poitras	53.63	
David Lizotte	48.00	
Timothy Pilcher	44.00	
Clarence L. Poitras, Jr.	44.00	
Richard Carter	14.00	
Norman Waldron	12.00	
Total Labor		\$ 8,338.28

Miscellaneous Payments

Raymond E. Conkey – mileage & pickup, plowing	\$1,413.07
Sanborn Repair – parts & repairs, truck & loader	1,035.23
Campers Rest – gas	962.44
Person's Concrete concrete for culvert	742.50
Raymond Keniston – bridge plank & lumber	695.84
Irving MacDonald – equip. rental	652.00
Phyllis Ashley – gravel	619.20
Campton Sand & Gravel – cold patch	562.64
Neil Robertson – grader work	540.00
Webster Motors – parts for truck	420.81
Ireland Lumber – bridge plank	306.00

T.B.C. Machinery -- loader parts	\$ 281.15
John Hemeon -- loader	267.00
Carter Bros. -- stringers & chains	264.00
Merrimack Farmers -- materials	239.28
International Salt Co. -- salt	220.00
Internal Revenue -- withholding	210.30
John C. Hughes -- drilling & blasting	205.00
Kibby Equip. -- cutting edges	125.61
Brooks Auto Supply -- parts	125.27
Paige Welding -- welding	120.00
Pete Lizotte -- plowing	108.00
Roy Abbott -- gravel	61.20
Norman Waldron -- plowing	56.00
Peter Samuelson -- blasting	50.00
Shortt's Garage -- parts & wrecker	45.90
Ernest Hanley -- hauling stringers	45.00
Leslie Roberts -- moving culvert	40.00
Interstate Machinery -- loader parts	36.50
Charles Cutting -- pump rental	30.00
Taylor Rentals -- rental equip.	30.00
Hawkensen Enterprises -- parts	25.71
Sanel Auto Parts -- parts	22.30
Trumbull Hardware -- materials	21.68
McAlaster Mkt. -- gas	20.44
Belknap Tire -- tire rotation	15.00
Albert Carter -- cutting torch	15.00
Charles Walker -- steel rods	15.00
Charles Gould -- welding	5.26

Total Parts & Services

\$10,650.33

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$18,988.61

Overdraft

3,988.61

Maintenance Allotment by State for Class V Highways:

1977 Allotment	\$9,007.87
Rebuilding road N. Dorchester	<u>9,004.02</u>
Balance	\$ 3.85

T.R.A.

1977 Allotment	\$3,175.72
Rebuilding road N. Dorchester	<u>3,821.30</u>
Balance	\$ 345.42

REPORT of DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF and TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of ¼ of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps co-ordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres
State	1,091	2,386
District	40	49.1
Town	0	0

JOHN Q. RICARD
District Fire Chief

RICHARD P. CARTER
Forest Fire Warden

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Richard P. Carter – Warden – 1977 Expenses	\$ 45.00
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Deputy Wardens:

Louis A. Delsart	\$ 25.00
George C. Conkey	25.00
Robert Thayer	25.00
Albert B. Carter	<u>25.00</u>

Total Deputy Wardens	100.00
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Norman Waldron – labor	<u>12.00</u>
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Total Forest Fire Department	\$157.00
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Rumney Fire Department – Fire Protection	<u>750.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$907.00
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Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD P. CARTER
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT

Old Age Assistance	\$521.91
Town Poor	275.40

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH HALL, JR.
Relief Agent

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE For the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Chief Larry H. Walker — Jan. 1, 1977		
to Aug. 8, 1977	67 Hrs.	\$234.50
Deputy Ernest Marsh	4½ Hrs.	13.50
Chief John Cote	41 Hrs.	149.50
Deputy Kenneth Hall	9 Hrs.	27.00
	<u>121½ Hrs.</u>	<u>\$424.50</u>

All wages and expenses are paid in full as of December 31, 1977.

JOHN COTE
Chief of Police

JOHN COTE
Chief

KENNETH HALL
Deputy

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Town Clerk, Cemeteries, Library, and Trustees of the Trust Fund and find them correctly and properly vouched.

MARY CARROLL ABELL
MATILDA M. ERNST
Auditors

REPORT OF THE DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1977	\$740.60	
Received from Isaac Burnham (contribution)	<u>15.00</u>	\$755.60
Expenses:		
Care of Dorchester Cemetery	\$120.50	
Care of Cheever Cemetery	67.00	
Care of Town House Cemetery	61.00	
Care of North Dorchester Cemetery	30.00	
General Expenses, checks & bank charges	<u>18.05</u>	
		<u>296.55</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1977		\$459.05

Due to unforeseen problems the road through the Dorchester Cemetery was not laid out as planned in 1977.

In the spring of '78 new bids will be requested for this work by the Cemetery Committee who will reserve the right to accept or reject any bid with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The work of caring for the Cemeteries was again under the supervision of Mrs. Martha Walker.

Respectfully submitted,

NELLA H. ASHLEY
Chairman and Treasurer

ERIC P. BERGSTROM
MARTHA L. WALKER
Dorchester Cemetery Committee

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES — 1977

The Dorchester Community Library is now open on Wednesdays from 3:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The earlier opening hour allows for better use of the facility by students returning home from school. During the summer months a morning reading program for younger readers was initiated.

During its third year of operation the Library circulated 905 pieces of material. This figure represents a considerable increase over last year's circulation.

The Trustees thank all who volunteer their time and talent to the Library. They also thank the people of Dorchester for their use and continued support of the Library.

Since the Library's founding, Beverly Walker has served as Librarian. Without her zeal and dedication the Library would not exist. During the past year Mrs. Walker has resigned as Librarian. The Trustees thank her especially for her devotion and drive during the Library's formative years.

Carol Wilson has been appointed as the new Librarian, and the Trustees wish her well in her new position.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY

Balance on hand January 1, 1977	\$228.95
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Receipts:

Donations	\$147.00
From Selectmen	150.00
Bank interest	5.24

302.24

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$531.19

Payments:

Circus magazine	\$ 9.95
Demco Educ. Corp. (books)	156.37
K-Mart (typewriter)	104.88
Carol Wilson (supplies)	43.11
Cycle magazine	15.00
Demco Educ. Corp. (books)	3.46
Noyes Ins. Co. (policy)	15.00
Bank service charge	.40

TOTAL PAYMENTS

348.17

Balance on hand December 31, 1977	\$183.02
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JOHN P. KING, Chairman
NELLA H. ASHLEY, ROBERT W. THAYER

MASCOMA AREA HEALTH COUNCIL — 1977

The Health Council is entering its ninth year of service to towns in the Mascoma Area. In 1977 the office was moved from the high school to Whitney Hall in Enfield. The telephone number remains the same: 632-7234.

The existence of the Mascoma Area Health Council continues to attract state funds for the free children's health and dental programs, as well as assistance with adult health screenings. Eighty (80) Mascoma children were given vision and hearing tests before entering the Canaan and Enfield Elementary Schools in the fall. Federal assistance is often available to Dorchester people for nursing, physical therapy, and home health aide services provided in the home. All programs are available to anyone in Dorchester regardless of their ability to pay.

During the year, the town of Dorchester received the following:

Skilled nursing visits in the home	156
Physical therapy visits in the home	27
Preschool dental visits	4
Children enrolled in well child clinic	9

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL STOMBERG
Chairman of the Board

MARRIAGES — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1977

Date & Place	Name of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Name of Parents
Sept. 3, 1977 Dorchester	Grace E. Morth	Wentworth	Ludwig J. Morth Leota A. Jones
	Thomas M. Fraser	Wentworth	Thomas M. Fraser Margaret L. Winnfield
Oct. 1, 1977 Dorchester	Valerie G. Landon	Dorchester	Frederick Landon Gloria Parris
	Maurice P. Denoncour	Dorchester	Maurice P. Denoncour Theresa M. Lemire

DEATHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1977

Date	Place of Death	Name	Age	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Oct. 15, 1977	Hanover, N.H.	Helena Bishop	71	Connecticut	Herman Schelkowski	Bessie Bauer

BIRTHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1977

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
Jan. 9, 1977	Crystal Star Hall	F	Paula M. Comeau	Henry L. Hall	Mass.	N.H.
May 4, 1977	Heather Elise Delsart	F	Eleanor Grace Dow	Louis Adolph Delsart	N.H.	N.H.
May 10, 1977	Amanda Jane Howes	F	Patrica Ellen Sheridan	David Hermon Howes	N.Y.	Mass.
May 19, 1977	Scott Leon Young	M	Elaine Alice Roy	Ralph Leon Young	N.H.	N.H.
Dec. 8, 1977	Doris Ann Young	F	Pearl Dorothy Comeau	Richard Melvin Young, Sr.	N.H.	N.H.

As Executive Councilor for District One which covers 62% of the State of New Hampshire (102 towns and 3 cities), I am pleased to submit this short report to the citizens of your town.

The Executive Council of New Hampshire is elected from five districts portioned by population. The work of the Council has been described as similar to that of a board of directors for State business. The New Hampshire Constitution provides that the Council shall from time to time advise the Governor in the affairs of State. State law as passed by our General Court mandates much of State government to be acted upon "with the advice and consent of the Council."

Our meetings in the State House Council Chambers are open to the public, and I would welcome having any citizens from our District attend any of the meetings.

The responsibilities of the Governor and Council are so diversified as to defy any attempt at exact classification. Their activities extend to the appointment of certain public officials, to a general supervision over State departments, to State expenditures, to pardon matters and to a variety of other duties . . . State officials and employees, State fiscal matters, pardons, commutations and reprieves, eminent domain and related responsibilities, State contracts and leases, public waters, State industrial and recreational interests and miscellaneous responsibilities.

From time to time, as Councilor if I can be of help to cities, towns, counties, agencies and individuals, I stand ready to do so especially if the problem or concern has to do with State government. However, as many of you know, much of our government, at the local level, is funded by not only local dollars but State and Federal monies are many times involved which means that several levels of government are involved. In such cases we must turn to our local town administrative assistants, regional planning commissions, county officials and others for help and guidance.

I can generally be reached by writing or calling my home office (R.F.D. #1, Woodsville, N.H., 03785, telephone 603-747-3662) or in care of the Executive Council Chambers (State House, Concord, N.H., 03301, telephone 603-271-3632).

RAYMOND S. BURTON
Executive Councilor
District One

